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DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 19-22, 2013	NACo COUNTY SOLUTIONS & MARKETPLACE (ANNUAL CONFERENCE), TARRANT COUNTY (FORT WORTH), TEXAS
JULY 20, 2013	CCAO CAUCUS RECEPTION (<i>HELD DURING THE NACo COUNTY SOLUTIONS & MARKETPLACE</i>), FORT WORTH CONVENTION CENTER, TARRANT COUNTY (FORT WORTH), TEXAS
JULY 29, 2013	CEBCO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT TRAINING, MEDINA COUNTY (WADSWORTH)
JULY 30, 2013	CEBCO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT TRAINING, ALLEN COUNTY (LIMA)
JULY 31, 2013	CEBCO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT TRAINING, CLINTON COUNTY (WILMINGTON)
AUGUST 12, 2013	CEBCO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT TRAINING, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)
AUGUST 14, 2013	THE BASICS OF THE PREVAILING WAGE LAW (CCAO 2 ND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR)
AUGUST 23, 2013	CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, QUEST BUSINESS CENTER, COLUMBUS
AUGUST 31, 2013	DEADLINE FOR DOG REGISTRATION RATES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2013	JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND INFRASTRUCTURE (JEDI) COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
DECEMBER 8-10, 2013	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS (HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: HYATT REGENCY)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

ACA TRAINING TO PROCEED DESPITE THE RECENT DELAY

Even though Washington has delayed some parts of health care reform by a year, CEBCO is continuing with its plan to offer regional ACA training. The delay is a welcome change but the requirements remain, and time spent in preparation is still time well spent in our opinion. Even as it announced the delay, the Administration indicated there is additional clarification coming in days ahead (additional information on the delay on page 3)

CEBCO in cooperation with the law firm of Fishel Hass Kim Albrecht LLC is offering training programs throughout Ohio to assist county commissioners and their support staff with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliance. The ACA places many new responsibilities on county administration as health plan sponsors, and what you don't know – when it comes to the ACA – CAN hurt you. All those nagging questions about what must be offered, to whom, and at what cost as well as the new taxes and reporting requirements will be addressed by Marc Fishel. Participants will receive a summary of the key responsibilities incumbent upon counties and actionable ideas to remain compliant with the new regulations.

Five sessions have been scheduled around the state to insure accessibility. The same program will be presented at each seminar. Plan to attend or send the appropriate staff member to one of these meetings:

- **July 29 – Medina County (Wadsworth)**
The Galaxy, 201 Park Center Drive, Wadsworth
- **July 30 – Allen County (Lima)**
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 803 S. Leonard Avenue, Lima
- **July 31 – Clinton County (Wilmington)**
Robert Center, 123 Gano Road (I-71 & SR 68, Exit 50), Wilmington
- **August 12 – Franklin County (Columbus)**
CCAO Offices, 209 E. State Street, Columbus

All meetings will start at 10:30 a.m. followed by a Q&A lunch (provided). This FREE training is open to all counties. [Register and read more...](#)

THE BASICS OF THE PREVAILING WAGE LAW WEBINAR - AUGUST 14

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour “The Basics of the Prevailing Wage Law” webinar on August 14, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. Speakers from the Ohio Department of Commerce and the Ohio Attorney General's office address the following issues and questions and answer questions from county officials who will be participating in the webinar.

- What are prevailing wages?
- What are prevailing wage thresholds for new construction and reconstruction?
- What are public authority responsibilities?
- What are the responsibilities of the prevailing wage coordinator?
- What are the requirements for certified payroll reports?
- What are contractor responsibilities and requirements?

To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/332878902>. [Click here](#) for more webinar information. If for any reason you experience difficulty in connecting to the link above and you wish to register for the webinar, please email Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, at ajones@ccao.org and provide her with your email address. Space is limited for this webinar, so register early. If you have questions regarding registering for the webinar, please contact Amanda at the email address listed above. For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research, at bcole@ccao.org

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING & OPERS HANDBOOK CHAPTERS UPDATED

This week, Chapter 65 – Collective Bargaining and Chapter 68 – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) of the *County Commissioners Handbook* was published on the CCAO website at www.ccao.org. The Collective Bargaining chapter was prepared with the assistance of Jonathan Downs with the law firm of

Zashin & Rich Co., L.P.A. The Chapter on OPERS was prepared with the assistance of staff at OPERS and includes information on pension law changes enacted last year by the General Assembly. Click on the Handbook button on the first page of the web site or [click here for Chapter 65](#) or [click here for Chapter 68](#) for a direct link to the chapter. If you have any questions about the chapters, contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research, at (614) 220-7981, (888) 757-1904 or bcole@ccao.org

STATE ACTIVITIES

JOB CUTS SEND OHIO'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE TO 7.2%

Ohio's unemployment rate rose to 7.2 percent in June from 7 percent in May, according to federal data inadvertently released yesterday.

The report, which was to have been released today, also showed continued volatility in the jobs numbers. Ohio employers cut 12,500 jobs, the second-most in the country last month, after the state added a U.S.-best 32,100 jobs in May.

Wide swings between job losses and gains have been a pattern this year. The 7.2 percent unemployment rate is Ohio's highest since August.

The report showed a loss of 7,100 jobs in the local-government category, a loss of 3,100 manufacturing jobs, a loss of 2,200 jobs in private education, and a drop of 1,900 construction jobs.

There were increases of 3,400 jobs in state government, 1,900 jobs in accommodation and food services, and 1,500 jobs in professional and technical services.

The bright spot was an increase in the labor force of 6,000 people, an indicator to economists that people might be regaining enough confidence in the economy to resume looking for work.

OHIO TOURISM NEEDS IMPROVED MARKETING, KASICH SAYS

Gov. John Kasich says Ohio needs to promote itself better and hopes a new tourism director will help solve the problem.

"It's been on my mind for a long time, and now we're going to have a lot more focus" on marketing, Kasich said yesterday. "Our tourism operation needs to be improved. We had a change in leadership there. (Development Services Agency Director) David Goodman's looking for somebody. We've got to take advantage of the new media, to be able to sell the state."

Former Ohio tourism director Amir Eylon left his post in June 2012 after accepting a position as a vice president for the United States' public-private tourism firm, Brand USA. Improving Ohio's promotional efforts is something Kasich has discussed publicly with growing frequency over the past few months, and it was clear yesterday that he remains disappointed, even as the new funding model for tourism promotions he crafted begins to take effect.

"We have not figured out yet (how) to market the state," Kasich said. "Marketing the state is a big deal, and we've got to figure out exactly region by region and as a state as a whole what it is that's going to get people's attention and have them come here.

"Because once they're on the plane coming here, they don't leave. We've got to get them on the plane."

Kasich made the comments to reporters after a speech to business leaders and company employees at Milacron, a large manufacturer of plastics in Batavia, east of Cincinnati.

Beginning with the fiscal year that started July 1, the state's tourism-marketing program will be funded from the growth in sales-tax revenue from tourism-related businesses. It's a five-year pilot program with yearly funding capped at \$10 million, or double the \$5 million the state used to spend on tourism promotions out of the general-revenue fund. The tourism office has been renamed TourismOhio.

Goodman said, "I'm not saying we haven't done (tourism promotions) well before, but under my leadership I want to maximize what I think is a wonderful opportunity for the state of Ohio."

He wouldn't specify what the state needs to do differently in terms of tourism promotions, but he said he is taking his time finding the right replacement for Eylon and examining ways the state could work better with regional promotional groups.

Eylon told *The Dispatch* last year that tourism is a \$36-billion-per-year industry in Ohio, and the state reaped \$14 in revenue for every \$1 it spent on its major tourism ad campaign in 2011.

DOG REGISTRATION RATE RESOLUTION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 31!

As you are likely aware, the recently passed state budget bill (HB 59) included language that will allow individuals to register a dog for a period of one year, three years, or register the dog permanently rather than requiring an annual registration as in current law. Boards of commissioners need to work with their county auditors and dog wardens to make sure they are prepared for these changes in law, particularly by passing a resolution on dog registration fee increases by August 31, 2013. For more information, please see the related story in this week's Statehouse Report.

GRANTS

USDA GRANTS TO BRING IMPROVED EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO RURAL COMMUNITIES

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is accepting applications for grants to provide access to education, training and healthcare resources in rural areas. Funding is authorized through the Department's Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program. The USDA remains focused on carrying out its mission, despite a time of significant budget uncertainty. Today's announcement is one part of the Department's efforts to strengthen the rural economy.

Under this notice, USDA may provide up to \$17.5 million in grants. Funds can be used to buy equipment and provide technical assistance. To be eligible, applicants must serve a rural area, demonstrate economic need and provide at least 15 percent in matching funds. Awards range up to \$500,000. In 2012, USDA Rural Development provided 58 DLT grants for projects in 36 states. Since the program began, 1,400 projects have been funded. Application deadline: **August 12, 2013**. For further details about eligibility rules and application procedures, see the notice published on page 38915 of the [June 28, 2013 Federal Register](#).

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S TOWN HALL TOUR

As part of our efforts to transform health in Ohio, Dr. Wymyslo, Director of Health, will be traveling the state to meet with diverse health professionals, public officials, academic institutions, public health colleagues, and

other health providers to discuss ways in which we can integrate public health and clinical medicine – address total health in Ohio. He would also like to discuss the state’s health priorities, PCMH, obesity, tobacco, and infant mortality which relate to Governor Kasich’s state biennial budget – and an initiative to move Ohio in the direction of paying for value. For more information [click here](#).

NACo DENTAL DISCOUNT PROGRAM

The National Association of Counties (NACo) offers a discount dental card program exclusively for member counties. The program provides 5% to 50% savings on most dental procedures including routine checkups, cleanings, dentures, root canals, crowns and more. This plan is not insurance, but is a discount plan where everyone is accepted with unlimited use. Sign up for a webinar presentation on Wednesday, July 31, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. to hear from key NACo staff and program administrator representatives, Careington Intl. Corporation, on how you can easily implement this program to help your county's residents with their dental needs. Only 47% of county residents nationwide have dental insurance, and many with insurance still have uncovered services. For more program information, please contact Andrew Goldschmidt, NACo Director of Membership/Marketing, at (202) 942-4221 or agoldschmidt@naco.org. [Register here...](#)

CAN I DO THAT? AN OVERVIEW OF THE OHIO ETHICS LAW

The Ethics Commission has announced their 2013 Webinar schedule! These webinars providing an overview of the Ohio Ethics Law will be available through the rest of the year. These one-hour sessions can be “attended” at your desk, using your own telephone and computer. [Webinars](#) are presented by the Ohio Ethics Commission and are supported by the Ohio Department of Taxation.

Register for a session now by clicking a date below:

- [August 6, 2013](#) 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- [September 5, 2013](#) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- [October 11, 2013](#) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- [November 5, 2013](#) 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- [December 18, 2013](#) 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Once registered you will receive an email confirming your registration with information you need to join the webinar.

OHIO PUBLIC SECTOR FACT FINDING

The State Employment Relations Board (SERB) will hold their 2013 “Ohio Public Sector Fact Finding” Conference on Friday, August 16, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza Dublin Hotel, 600 Metro Place North, in Dublin. The Conference will bring together as presenters and as participants, professionals who are part of the Fact-Finding process. It will include representatives of labor and management, neutrals who preside as fact finders, SERB staff under whose jurisdiction the fact-finding is conducted, and attorneys whose practice includes representing the parties at fact finding.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register for the Conference. For more information, contact Cheri Alexander, Administrator, SERB Research and Training Section, (614) 466-1193, Cherith.Alexander@serb.state.oh.us or www.serb.ohio.gov

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION

SYLLABUS

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1. A county agricultural society that is prohibited from using moneys provided by the state or a county for a particular purpose may use moneys it receives from other sources for that purpose, provided (1) the society's constitution and bylaws permit the expenditure; (2) the moneys to be expended are not required to be used for other purposes; and (3) the expenditure is reasonable and lawful.
2. A county agricultural society may use moneys provided by a source other than the state or a county to acquire alcoholic beverages and a liquor permit to sell the beverages at an event that is open to the public and conducted on the society's or county's fairgrounds and retain the revenue derived from the sales, provided (1) the society's constitution and bylaws permit the expenditure; (2) the moneys to be expended are not required to be used for other purposes; and (3) the expenditure is reasonable.
3. A county agricultural society may use moneys provided by the state or a county to acquire alcoholic beverages and a liquor permit to sell the beverages at an event that is open to the public and conducted on the society's or county's fairgrounds and retain the revenue derived from the sales, provided (1) the society's constitution and bylaws permit the expenditure; (2) the moneys to be expended are not required to be used for other purposes; and (3) the expenditure is reasonable.
4. A county agricultural society may (1) authorize the holder of a valid liquor permit to have an event that is open to the public and conducted on the society's or county's fairgrounds and (2) receive fees from the permit holder, provided the society's constitution and bylaws permit the society to perform these acts and when it is reasonable for the society to perform these acts.

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
EMA Director	Open until most desirable candidate is found Ashtabula County
Data Technician	July 24, 2013 Warren County
Zoning Coordinator	July 26 at 5:00 p.m. Miami County Department of Development
Backflow Prevention Specialist/Maintenance	July 31 at 4:30 p.m. Ottawa County
Full-time Transit Director	August 1 at 4:00 p.m. Carroll County